

Evaluating Web Resources

Is the Internet source scholarly?

- Uses footnotes or has a bibliography
- Written by scholars and researchers for scholars and researchers
- Provides original research
- Published by a "professional organization"
- Contains no advertising

Does the Internet source include these components?

1. Authority

- Who created this WWW site?
- Who is hosting the WWW site?
- What are their qualifications?

2. Accuracy

- Is there a bibliography or list of works cited?
- Is there any bias evident?
- How does it compare with print sources?
- How complete are the links?
- Most relevant or more available?

3. Currency

- When was the WWW site created?
- When was it last updated?
- Is the information itself current?